

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-8 (canceled)

9. (previously presented) A computer implemented method of scoring a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

identifying a plurality of documents, at least some of the documents being linked documents, at least some of the documents being linking documents, and at least some of the documents being both linked documents and linking documents, each of the linked documents being pointed to by a link in one or more of the linking documents;

assigning a score to each of the linked documents based on scores associated with the one or more linking documents; and

processing the linked documents according to the assigned scores.

10. (previously presented) A computer implemented method of scoring a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

receiving a search query from a user;

identifying a plurality of documents responsive to the search query;

locating incoming links to the identified documents from corresponding linking documents;

assigning a score to each of the identified documents based on a number of the incoming

links to the identified document and an importance of the incoming links;

creating a ranked list based on the scores of the identified documents; and

presenting to the user information about the identified documents in an order that is based on the ranked list.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on a quality associated with the corresponding linking document.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on whether the corresponding linking document is stored on a same server as the identified document.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on a distance between the corresponding linking document and the identified document.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on an author of the corresponding linking document.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on an importance of a location of the corresponding linking document.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on a location of the incoming link within the corresponding linking document.

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on a visibility of the incoming link within the corresponding linking document.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on when the corresponding linking document was last modified.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the importance of each of the incoming links is based on a relationship between the incoming link and a bookmark or home page of the user.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the presenting to the user information about the identified documents includes:

annotating links in the identified documents based on an importance of documents referenced by the links.

21. (previously presented) A computer implemented method of organizing a plurality

of linked nodes, comprising:

determining first link information for a linked node;  
determining second link information for linking nodes that link to the linked node; and  
calculating a score for the linked node based on both the first link information and the  
second link information.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the first link information  
comprises backlink information.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the backlink information  
comprises a number of backlinks associated with the linked node.

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the backlink information  
comprises a quality of backlinks associated with the linked node.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second link  
information comprises backlink information.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the backlink information  
comprises a number of backlinks associated with the linking nodes.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the backlink information

comprises a quality of backlinks associated with the linking nodes.

28. (currently amended) A computer implemented method of organizing a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

- (a) identifying a first linked document;
- (b) identifying links between linking documents and the first linked document;
- (c) assigning a weight to each of the identified links;
- (d) determining a score for the first linked document based on (i) a number of the identified links between the linking documents and the first linked document, and (ii) the weights assigned to each of the identified links;
- (e) repeating [[steps]] acts (a) – (d) for a second linked document; and
- (f) organizing the first and second linked documents based on the determined scores.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the assigning a weight comprises:

assigning different weights to at least some of the identified links associated with the linked documents.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the weight is dependent on at least one of a host, URL, domain, author, institution, and last update time of the linking documents.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the weight is dependent on whether the linking documents are selected documents or roots.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the weight is dependent on an importance, visibility, or textual emphasis of the identified links in the linking documents.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the weight is dependent on a particular user's preferences, a rate at which users access the linking documents, or an importance of the linking documents.

34. (previously presented) A computer implemented method of organizing a plurality of documents, comprising:

- identifying a plurality of linked documents;
- identifying primary linking documents that link to the linked documents;
- identifying secondary linking documents that link to the primary linking documents;
- assigning a score to each of the linked documents based on (i) the number of links between the primary linking documents and the linked document and (ii) the number of links between the primary linking documents and the secondary linking documents; and
- organizing the linked documents according to the assigned scores.

35. (previously presented) A computer implemented method of scoring a plurality of documents, comprising:

identifying a plurality of linked documents;  
identifying linking documents that link to the linked documents;  
determining a score for each of the linked documents based on scores of the linking documents that link to the linked document; and  
processing the linked documents according to the determined scores.

36. (currently amended) A computer implemented method of organizing a plurality of linked documents, comprising:

- (a) identifying a first linked document;
- (b) identifying links between linking documents and the first linked document;
- (c) assigning a weight to each of the identified links;
- (d) determining a score for the first linked document based on (i) a number of the identified links between the linking documents and the first linked document, and (ii) the weights assigned to each of the identified links;
- (e) repeating [[steps]] acts (a) – (d) for subsequent linked documents; and
- (f) organizing the first and subsequent linked documents based on the determined scores.